# Febra. NETS WERE O

### Some Gill Netters Got Lifts Yesterday and Made Big Hauls.

The only fish receipts here since yesterday are the gill netting steamers, the larger part of which were out yesterday and landed some 60,000 pounds, mostly haddock, pollock and cod.

Several of the boats secured their nets for the first time in two days and consequently had some nice fares. The largest hails were steamers Anna T., 9000 pounds; Naomi Bruce, 8000 pounds; Enterprise, 7500 pounds; F. S. Willard, 6000 pounds.

The steamer Nora B. Robinson lost her rudder outside yesterday and was towed in yesterday afternoon by steamer Bessie M. Dugan.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail Str. Robert and Edwin, gill netting

3000 lbs. fresh fish. Sch. Nora B. Robinson, gill netting,

1500 lbs. fresh fish. Str. Quoddy, gill netting, 3500 lbs.

Str. Eagle, gill netting, 300 lbs.

fresh fish. Str. Naomi Bruce, gill netting, 8000

lbs. fresh fish. Str. Swan, gill netting, 400 lbs. fresh

Str. Rough Rider, gill netting, 1000

s. fresh fish. Str. Margaret D., gill netting, 3000

lbs. fresh fish. Str. F. S. Willard, gill netting, 6500

lbs. fresh fish. Str. Prince Olaf, gill netting, 600 lbs.

Str. Nomad, gill netting, 2500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Enterprise, gill netting, 7500 lbs

Str. Geisha, gill netting, 3000 lbs.

fresh fish. Str. Venture, gill netting, 1000 lbs.

fresh fish. Str. Hope, gill netting, 400 lbs. fresh

Str. Sunflower, gill netting, 1000 lbs.

fresh fish. Str. Anna T., gill netting, 9000 lbs.

fresh fish.

Str. Evelyn H., gill netting, 400 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. George E. Fisher, gill netting,

2000 lbs. fresh fish. Str. Gertrude T., gill netting, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Nashawena, gill netting, 4300

lbs. fresh fish. Str. R. J. Kellick, gill netting, 3400

lbs. fresh fish. Str. Bessie M. Dugan, gill netting,

1400 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Lorena, gill netting, 400 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Sawyer, gill netting, 3500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Seven Brothers, gill netting, 3500

lbs. fresh fish. Str. Mary Ruth, gill netting, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.

### Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Flora L. Oliver, haddocking. Sch. Georgianna, halibuting.

### TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

Salt Fish.

Handline Georges codfish, large, \$5.50 per cwt; medium, \$4.621-2; snappers, \$3.25.

Eastern deck handline large, \$5.25; medium, \$4.50. codfish,

Eastern halibut codfish, large, \$4.50; mediums, \$3.75; snappers, \$3.

Georges halibut codfish, large, \$4.50;

mediums, \$4. Cusk, large, \$225; medlums, \$1.75;

snappers, \$1.25. Pollock, \$1.50.

Hake, \$1.50. Haddock, \$1.50.

Newfoundland salt herring, \$3.25 per

Newfoundland pickled herring, \$5

per bbl.

Fresh Fish.

Haddock, \$1.10 per cwt. Eastern cod, large, \$2.10; medium, \$1.75; snappers, 75c.

Western cod, large, \$2.15; mediums, \$1.80; snappers, 75c. All codfish not gilled 10c per 100

pounds less than the above. Hake, \$1.15.

Cusk, large, \$1.30; mediums, \$1;

snappers, 50c.

Dressed pollock, 80c.; round, 90c. Bank halibut 151-2c per lb. for

white; 121-2c fro gray.

Newfoundland frozen herring, \$2.75

known, worthless.

floors were gutted.

be estimated.

Fire destroyed two sections of the

smoke house of the North Atlantic

Fisheries' plant, on Boutilier's wharf, at Halifax early Wednesday morning, burning through to the roof and ren-

dering a quantity of fish, value un-

It was five minutes to 1 o'clock when

the watchman discovered flames issu-

ing from the ground floor of the build-

ing and he at once rang in an alarm

from box 21, summoning the fire-fight-

ing apparatus from the four stations in the south end. When the firement arrived the blaze had gained great

headway and that part of the big building was all ablaze. A fierce struggle was encountered with the

furlously burning flames and when, after an hour and a half, they had been extinguished by streams of wa-

ter from three engines and No. 1 chemical both the first and second

As the exact amount of fish spoiled

was not available Wednesday morning

the total loss from the fire could not

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MUST STEP ASIDE

**Boston Port Directors Would** 

Have Them Barred From

Main Ship Channels.

Chairman Hugh Bancroft of

Board of Directors of the Port of Bos-

ton was before the committee on fish-eries and game yesterday to advocate

a bill permitting the Boston harbor master to exclude fishermen from the main ship channels in the harbor. He

told the committee that the practice

has been carried to such an extent that the fishermen will be run down and

drowned or that some of the liners will be forced against the harbor

ledges in avoiding them.
Captain Francis J. Hird, harbor master, said that the difficulty is

caused by foreigners, largely Italians, who are utterly regardless of the ship traffic through the channels, and re-

main by their trawls even when the

liners are bearing directly down upon them, frequently shouting to the pilots

to "get out of the way."
Captain Joseph Fawcett and Captain
Horace Folger, both pilots, also favored the bill; there was no opposi-

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And do away with Board of

Fish and Game Commissioners.

by New Efficiency Commission.

Is recommended to Legislature

A single-headed Fish and Game

Commission was strongly urged upon

the House on Beacon Hill yesterday

in a special report of the State Com-

mission on Economy and Efficiency.

The report advises the Legislature

to abolish the present board of three

and substitute a single commissioner,

who should be Dr. George W. Field,

chairman of the present board, at

Some of the reasons for this action

\$5000 a year.

urged by them are:

"get out of the way."

FISHING CRAFT

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"The present commissioners are co-ordinate in authority and choose their chairman. There is inevitably a wide difference of opinion as to what matters should be decided by the full board and what should be decided by the chairman, or by a commissioner acting alone, resulting in unnecessary delay to the public, and liablity of the

remaining members to be slighted.
"The necessity of referring matters to the full board often causes tardle ness in closing business transactions.
"Persons insist oftentimes that the adverse decision of a member be referred to the full board, this causing

Unprofitably Busy.

"There is practical difficulty in agreeably assigning and arranging work for the different members and the office force, which is now overworked. We find also that the com-

missioners' time is not fully and profitably occupied with the work related to that department. A deputy could very often and very properly care for certain phases of outside work which now occupy the time of the full board.

"Division or responsibility lack of responsibility to the public.

"With three commissioners having coordinate powers there arises at times a degree of rivalry between the different sections of the State, and between different kinds of persons as to their respective representation on the board, and their relative particl-pation in the benefits to be derived from the activities of the board itself.

Real flesponsibility.

"It is essential, in order to achieve the best results, that the chairman, who must necessarily shoulder the real responsibility, should select his co-workers and subordinates.

"Inasmuch as many trivial matters must be examined or studied two or three times in order to secure action by the full board, the insurance thus furnished for correct decision is too often not worth the valuable time

"A single commissioner, with trained and competent secretary or deputies, we believe, would give more efficient service in this department of the State's service, and would create economies in administration and greater ease and directness in securing results."

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URGE LOBSTER EMBARGO.

Maine Hotel Keepers Want to Keep Tidbits at Home.

Maine hotel proprietors at the annual meeting of their state association voted to urge the passage of a bill through the legislature prohibiting the shipping of lobsters out of the state in the summer months.

### Portland Fish News.

That Portland wholesale and retail lobster dealers are divided in their opinion in regard to changing the Maine lobster laws is evident as two factions are circulating petitions. One faction has a petition requesting the legislature to change the present law so that lobsters nine inches in length shall be of legal size, while the opposing faction want the present or so-call-101-2 inch length law retained. Many of the dealers and many lobster fishermen believe that no satisfactory arrangement will be made regarding the lobster fishing industry until the Federal Government assumes charge of the industry and when general laws covering the entire country will be enforced by federal officials.

Walter S. Trefethen, of N. F. Trefethen & Company, said Friday, that in his opinion the greater number of the fishermen were in favor of retain-ing the present laws. Mr. Trefethen claims that a nine inch lobster law would be a severe blow to the lobster industry in the future. "I do not deny that for perhaps two years the fishermen and the dealers would make more money than they are at the present time, but after that the supply of lobsters would be depleted," said Mr. Trefethen. "The fishermen of Cliff Island, South Harpswell and Balleys Island are in favor of retaining the present law."

J. W. Trefethen & Company also believe that the present law should remain, while S. A. Skillings & Company Lewis McDonald and other local concerns engaged in the lobster business believe that the law should be changed so that it will be the same as the New York laws and similar to the Massa-

## Feb. 3. GILL-NETTERS PAYROLL \$11,000 WEEK

### Employ 612 Men Afloat and Ashore Here-More Letters.

interesting communications on gill netting, one from a writer who signs himself, "A Gill Netter", while the second is another from Albert Gamage, who replies to Capt. Cooney's letter published a few days ago.

They are as follows:

To the Editor of the Times: -With your kind permission, I wish to answer Capt. Joseph Cooney, for I see that he is eager for an answer from a gill netter. He wishes to know why we came here to Gloucester to fish. I would also like to ask him the same to catch fish just as we did? We were persecuted by game wardens, the law gave us a certain sized mesh net to fish with and when any fish were caught under two pounds, the game wardens would pounce upon us, fine us an enormous amount and even imprison some of our fishermen. The laws were conflicting. The fish

have not all been caught up in Lake Michigan, or Lake Erie either for that matter. We came away simply to put the game wardens out of business. I would like to ask Capt, Cooney what is the difference whether the fish are caught on a hook, or by net? I see by the reports from T wharf, Boston, your vessels come bringing in thousands of pounds of both salt and fresh fish. Now what is the difference? Only the me-thod—the fish are the same. A GILL NETTER.

Mr. Gamage's Letter

To the Editor of the Times:-With your kind permission, I would like to say a few words in regard to Capt.

The Times is in receipt of two more | Cooney's report in your paper Wednesday evening. I wish to state that I shall speak of not what I have heard, but what I have seen myself. I have spent a day in looking along the wharves, taking in from East Gloucester to the Fort . I do not wish to correct Capt. Cooney's statement, but I find there are 51 gill netters in all, counting the new boats that are getting ready to start and of 51 boats, I find that they are employing 612 men, mostly Gloucester young men. I also find that the wages paid by the gill netters figure between \$11,000 and \$12,-000 weekly.

During my journey I looked in vain for one of those signs, "To Let" but uestion. What did he come for but not one could I find. I did see one or made the remark that I was speaking for some one else so before I go on I wish to say that I am using my own words and not the words from another. Mr. Coney says, ask the gill net-ters why they all flocked to Glouces-

> The answer is to fish. I have noticed that Capt. Cooney

speaks mostly of the past, may as well speak of the Civil war as to speak of what was done in Gloucester long years ago, for we must forget the past and prepare for the future. I am sure Gloucester is as proud of her sea-captains today as she was years ago, whether they have their brains wound up in gill netting or not. As our captains have always earned an honest living, I think they are capable of doing the same now.

Thanking you for your favors, I re-

Yours truly, ALBERT GAMAGE.

Gloucester, Mass.

### Gill Netters Are Striking a Nice Run-One Fish Weighed 75 Lbs.

The only arrivals of fish here since Friday have been the gill netters. But a few of the boats lifted their nets Saturday on account of the rough weather outside, while less than half of the fleet were out yesterday.

Average catches prevailed, chiefly haddock, cod and pollock, running about even. The boats have been striking a nice run of shore cod, some of the fish averaging 30 and 40 pounds each when dressed. Recently a monster cod was taken in at the Atwood & Payne wharf, which tipped the scales to 75 pounds when ready for the box. Friday, steamer Evelyn H. landed one weighing 62 pounds dressed and measuring five feet in length.

### Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail

Str. Robert and Edwin, gill netting, 3500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Lydia, gill netting, 1000 lbs.

fresh fish. Str. Quoddy, gill netting, 1200 lbs.

fresh fish.

Sch. Little Fannie, gill netting, 2000 lbs. fresh fish. Str. Seven Brothers, gill netting, 3500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Naomi Bruce, gill netting, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Margaret D., gi'l netting, 3600

lbs, fresh fish Str. Prince Olaf, gill netting, 500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Nomad, gill netting, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Evelyn H., gill netting, 2500 lbs.

fresh fish. Str. George E. Fisher, gill netting,

4100 lbs. fresh fish. Str. Gentrude T., gill netting, 2000 lbs. fresh fish

Str. Mystery, gill netting, 600 lbs.

fresh fish. Str. R. J .Kellick, gill netting, 3500

lbs. fresh fish. Str. Sawyer, gill netting, 1000 lbs.

fresh fish.

Str. Mary F. Ruth, gill netting, 3300

lbs. fresh fish. Saturday's Gill Netting Arrivals.

### Str. Quoddy, gill netting, 4000 lbs.

Str. Swan, gill netting, 600 lbs. fresh

Str. Seven Brothers, gill netting,

3400 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. F. S. Willard, gill netting, 3500 lbs. fresh fish. Str. Enterprise, gill netting, 2500

lbs, fresh fish.

### Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Matthew S. Greer, haddocking. Sch. Mary P Goulart, haddocking Sch. Leonora Silveria, Boston.

### TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

### Salt Fish.

Handline Georges codfish, large, \$5.50 per cwt; medium, \$4.62 1-2; snap-pers, \$3.25.

Eastern deck handline codfish, large, \$5.25; medium, \$4.50.

Eastern halibut codfish, large, \$4.50;

mediums, \$3.75; snappers, \$3.
Georges halibut codfish, large, \$4.50;

mediums, \$4. Cusk, large, \$225; mediums, \$1.75;

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snappers, \$1.25. Pollock, \$1.50. Hake, \$1.50.

Haddock, \$1.50.

Newfoundland salt herring, \$3.25 per

Newfoundland pickled herring, \$5

per bbl.

### Fresh Fish.

Haddock, \$1,10 per cwt. Eastern cod, large, \$2.10; medium, \$1.75; snappers, 75c. Western cod, large, \$2.15; mediums,

\$1.80; snappers, 75c.
All codfish not gilled 10c per 100

pounds less than the above.

Hake, \$1.15. Cusk, large, \$1.30; mediums, \$1;

snappers, 50c.

Dressed pollock, 80c.; round, 90c. Bank halibut 151-2c per lb. for

white; 12 1-2c fro gray. Newfoundland frozen herring, \$2.75 per cwt.

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# QUARTETTE WAS

### Two Shores and Two Off-**Shores Hit Fine Market** at T Wharf.

wharf's fish story was a brief one this morning, notwithstanding it was the beginning of the hew week, two off-shores and shore craft being the only arrivals at the dock when the gong sounded.

Sch. A. Platt Andrew, Capt. Wallace Bruce and sch. Thomas S. Gorton each hall for 68,000 pounds of fresh mixed fish, mostly haddock and cod besides a small amount of halibut. The shore crafts in are schs. Mary Edith, 10,700 pounds and Leonora Silveria, 8300 pounds.

Haddock sold at \$3.85 to \$4 a hundred pounds, large cod, \$7; market cod, \$3 to \$4; hake, \$4 to \$7.50; pollock, \$4.50. Some 3000 pounds of hallbut brought the fancy price of 25 cents a pound right through.

### Boston Arrivals.

The fares and prices in detail are: Sch. A. Piatt Andrew, 45,000 had-dock, 16,000 cod, 7000 cusk, 1200 hali-

Sch. Thomas S. Gorton, 57,000 haddock, 7000 cod, 4000 cusk, 1700 hadibut. Sch. Mary Edith, 8000 haddock, 700

cod, 1500 hake, 1500 pollock. Sch. Leonora Silveria, 7500 haddock, 800 cod.

Haddock, \$3.85 to \$4 per cwt.; large cod, \$7; market cod, \$3 to \$4; hake, \$4 to \$7.50; pollock, \$4.50; willbut, 25 cents for white and gray.



### Provincetown Craft Sold.

Sch. Jeseph P Johnson of Province-town, one of the haddocking fleet, which has been hauled up here at the head of the harbor since last fall has been sold to M. H. since last Bonnell of Prince Edward Island The Johnson was built at Essex in 1889 and is 98 tons gross and 93 tons net register.

### - On the Railways.

Sch. Corona is on Rocky Neck railways having a gasoline engine installed.

Sch. Thomas A. Cromwell is on Burnham Brothers' railways.

### Fitting Out.

Sch. Avalon is fitting for halibuting under command of Capt, Ambros Fleet. Sch. Massasoit is fitting for haddocking under command of Capt. Frank Vi-

### Fishing Fleet Movements.

Schs. Pontiac and Benj. A. Smith arrived at Liverpool, N. S., last Thursday and cleared for fishing.

Sch. Paragon was at Shelburne, N. S., also last Thursday and cleared.

### Salt Steamer on the Way.

The first cargo of salt for the season of 1913, for this port left Iviza, Spain, a week ago yesterday. The steamer is consigned to Fred Bradley and is expected here about the 20th of the month. The last salt arrival here was October 16 of last year.

### Last Week's Receipts at T Wharf.

Receipts of fresh groundfish landed at Boston last week totalled 2,012,270 pounds from 84 arrivals against 1,838,-140 pounds from 60 arrivals for the same period in 1912.

### Salt Mackerel Imports.

Imports of salt mackerel of the 1912 catch received at Boston to date amount to 24,193 barrels against 28,-783 barrels of the 1911 catch for the corresponding time last year.

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Some of the finest and largest codfish taken in this section in years have been landed the past week and have been landed the fishermen are hopeful of good the fishermen are hopeful of about 1000 pounds ranged from about 40 to pounds each in weight and were beauties, and the price was good.

The cold storage companies

moving fish regularly and only bone squid and summer squid remain un-sold. The vessels will very likely soon diminish the supply of bait squid and the four local freezers will make ready for another season's supply.

Some of the vessels lost large lots of trawl gear the past week. The new schooner Delphine Cabral lost \$100 worth owing to the high tides.

The following schooners were in port Tuesday with shares as follows: Matchiess, \$30 each; Delphine Cabral, \$12; Annie Perry, \$14.

### Sch. Eugenia All Right Again.

Having made thorough repairs to her damaged parts, the (fishing schooner Eugenia, Gloucester Captain Williams, will sail today. She arrived in Halifax on the 14th of January considerably broken by the storms of the coast at that date. Since then she has undergone a thorough overhauling on the Marine Sills Portantial ing on the Marine Slip Dartmouth, having a new rudder, and rudder gear installed, together with painting and general work. William Robertson & Son are her agents, looking after the interests of the vessel while in port.— Halifax Chronicle, January 31.

### Going Halibuting.

The sch. Morning Star of Boston is at the Gloucester Coal Company's dock, where she is fitting out for the halibut fishery and will be in com-mand of Capt. John Olson. The craft which is an attractive model, has come off the ways with a new coat of paint and she appears like a fine racing yacht. Capt. Olson's many friends wish him great success.

# Feb. 3. THE CLAN FLATS

### Bill Is Likely to be Pushed Stronger Than Ever This Year.

State House, Boston, February 3 .-The recommendation of the state commission on economy and efficiency that the fish and game commission be made a single-headed body, is evidence that the opinions of Dr. Field, chairman of the fish and game commission, are having great weight with this new state department. It not only recommends this change, but takes up boldly his off-time repeated recommendation that clam flats should be leased and cultivated. The clammers of Essex county know that they have contested successfully this recommendation for several years but there is no doubt but that it will be before the legislature this year, with more force than before. Owing to the endorsement of it by the new state board, it being the first positive recommendation of that body, its members will endeavor to have it favorably considered by the legislature.

### Feb. 4.

### "Minus Ice."

Great interest is being shown at Moscow, Russia, in a new invention called "minus ice," which represents a frozen solution of salt of various grades of concentration. The invention appears concentration. The invention appears to be well adapted for use in the transportation of perishable goods.

### Put in an Engine.

The Hitchcock Gas Engine Co. of Bridgeport, Conn., has installed one of their engines, 50 horse-power, in a fishing boat which is being built at the Charles Ward ship yards at Kenne-tunkeport, Me., for Captain James W. O'Neil of Provincetown, Mass.

### Fog Signal Out of Repair.

The inspector of this lighthouse district has issued notice that the Castle Rocks fog signal is not in working order, but will be repaired as soon as practicable.

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## NO OFF-SHORES FOR FOUR DAYS

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### But Few of the Gill-Netters Ventured Out in Storm Yesterday.

For the fourth day, not an off shore arrival was reported in the harbor this morning, the only receipts of fish in the last 24 hours being the gill netters and shore boats, which landed 45,000 pounds of fresh fish.

On account of the thick snow storm

yesterday, many of the boats did not venture out, while some of those that did go outside, failed to pick up their nets, or lifted only a part of them.

Yesterday's run of fish were about

one-half pollock and the remainder equally divided between haddock and

This morning, four of the shore fleet arrived with small fares, which sold to A. Cooney & Company at the Fort.

### Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail

Sch. Belbina P. Domingoes, shore, 4000 lbs. fresh fish. Sch. Jeanette, shore, 5000 lbs. fresh

Sch. Annie and Jennie, shore, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Rita A. Viator, shore, 3000 lbs. fresh fish:

Sch. Leonora Silveria, shore. Sch. A. Piatt Andrew, in tow, via Boston.

Str. Robert and Edwin, gill netting, 3000 lbs. fresh fish. Str. Swan, gill netting, 500 lbs. fresh

Str. Quoddy ,gill netting, 3600 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Sunflower, gill netting, 400 lbs.

Str. Dolphin, gill netting, 225 lbs. fresh fish. Str. Rough Rider, gill netting, 2000

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fresh fish. . Str. Mary F. Ruth, gill netting, 2000 lbs fresh fish.

Str. Enterprise, gill netting, 4800 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. F. S. Willard, gill netting, 5000 lbs. fresh fish.

### Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Elva L. Spurling, haddocking. Sch. Stranger, haddocking. Sch. Margaret Dillon, Boston, Sch. Mary F. Sears, Boston. Sch. Flavilla, Boston.

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